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EMERGENCY RESTORATION ACTIONS – COLBY FIRE (ITEM 47-A, AGENDA OF JANUARY 21, 2014)

On January 21, 2014, the Board ratified the proclamation of existence of a local emergency made on January 16, 2014, for the fire beginning in Los Angeles County (County) on January 16, 2014, and instructed the Chief Executive Officer to provide status reports while the emergency restoration actions are underway. This report updates the activities that have taken place since February 14, 2014.

MARCH 20, 2014 – A meeting was held at the Timothy Daniel Crowther Teen and Family Center in Glendora to discuss lessons learned from the Madison and Colby Fires. Multiple levels of government and community representatives attended the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the actions taken by the cities and County in preparation, evacuation, mitigation, and recovery efforts during the fires. A panel of subject matter experts, including the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Department of Public Works, American Red Cross, the city manager of Glendora, and the fire chief of Monrovia, discussed emergency operations center activations, shelter and evacuation centers, public information, social media, and cooperation among the partner agencies.

We will continue to provide updates of our recovery actions as our efforts progress. Should you have any questions of the information provided, you may contact Ronald Wade, OEM, at (323) 980-2270.

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APRIL 16, 2014 – The Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services sent a response regarding the County's request for a gubernatorial proclamation. In accordance with the California Emergency Services Act, an assessment was conducted and a determination was made that a threat to lives or public safety, which would require the expanded emergency powers of a gubernatorial proclamation, was not present. Therefore, since the authorities and resources triggered by a governor's proclamation of an emergency were deemed to be unwarranted for this incident, the County's request for a State of Emergency and funding from the California Disaster Assistance Act for the Colby Fire was denied.

Also, in the Director's response to the County's request for assistance in fire fighting related costs through the Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) process; the request is still being assessed. The County must meet the \$2,589,150 FMAG cost threshold for local jurisdictions to be reimbursed. There is a second mechanism that allows for the County to be reimbursed for its disaster-related costs, also through the

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FMAG process, and that would have been if the State's "cumulative" disaster-related costs threshold had been met. Since this was one of the first fires of the year, the Colby Fire does not meet the State's "cumulative" threshold.

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APRIL 23 THROUGH MAY 22, 2014 – The Recovery Section of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services is still assessing the County's request for assistance in fire fighting related costs through the Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) process. The County must meet the \$2,589,150 FMAG cost threshold for local jurisdictions to be reimbursed.

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MAY 23 THROUGH JUNE 22, 2014 – The Recovery Section of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services is still assessing the County's request for assistance in eligible fire fighting and law enforcement related costs through the Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) program. At this time, the County is approximately \$600,000 short of the \$2,589,150 FMAG cost threshold to qualify for reimbursement. Agencies affected by the Colby Fire were notified by the State that they have until July 22, 2014, to submit complete documentation of potential eligible costs.

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JUNE 23, 2014 THROUGH JULY 25, 2014 - The Recovery Section of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services has finalized their assessment of the County's request for assistance in eligible fire fighting, law enforcement, and mental health related costs through the Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) program. The Recovery Section has informed the County that as of July 25, 2014, the individual cost threshold for the Colby Fire has not been met. At this time, the County is approximately \$556,344 short of the \$2,589,150 FMAG cost threshold to qualify for reimbursement. The Recovery Section has advised there may be a possibility of processing claims received after the cutoff date of July 22, 2014, if the agencies can demonstrate that the late submittal was due to circumstances beyond the applicant's control or unusual project requirements. To date, no agencies affected by the Colby Fire have submitted any requests for an extension. Therefore, the Recovery Section is in the process of completing an application to formally withdraw the State's request for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) FMAG program. The

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Recovery Section informed the County that they would be sending a formal notice in mid-August to the Chief Executive Office's County Disaster Administrative Team notifying them that the State has withdrawn its request from FEMA for the Colby Fire FMAG funding assistance.

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